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SUBJECT

**Russian Zone Border Police along the
Thuringia-Bavaria Demarcation Line.**

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1. The SMA order, dated 23 March 1948, to strengthen the border police on the Thuringia - Bavaria demarcation line was carried out on the nights of 30 and 31 March 1948. In line with the SMA order the Thuringian police were strengthened by 1695 men, placed at their disposal by the police of Land Saxony. The movement of the policemen from Saxony was accomplished by the utilization of three special trains, placed at the disposal of the police on very short notice by the Dresden Reichsbahn Direktion.
2. The Saxony Police were not integrated with the forces of Land Thuringia, but were organized into three self-supplying border-police inspectorates (Grenzpolizeiabschnitte).
3. Following is the disposition of Saxony police in Land Thuringia:

8th Border Police Inspectorate, "Gefell"

Headquarters (Abteilungstab)	19 Policemen
3 Border-Kommandatur, each with a staff of 15 men	45 Policemen
49 Border Squads, consisting of 10 men each	490 Policemen

7th Border Police Inspectorate, "Köppelsdorf"

Headquarters	19 Policemen
3 Comendatory, consisting of 15 men each	45 Policemen
46 Border Squads with 10 men each	460 Policemen

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6th Border Police Inspectorate, "Hildburghausen"

Headquarters	19 Policemen
3 Komendatury, consisting of 15 men each	45 Policemen
48 Border Squads with 10 men each	480 Policemen
Totals: Gefell, 3th Inspectorate	554
Köppelsdorf, 7th Inspectorate	524
Hildburghausen, 6th Inspectorate	544
Reserve, Inspectorates 6 - 8	73

1695 Policemen

4. The Chief of Inspectorates, in conjunction with the appropriate officers of the Red Army, planned and supervised the execution of tactical measures. The new border police were armed and supplied according to plan. No incidents were reported.
5. In addition to the above, on 30 March 1948, 151 men of the Saxony Border Police were transferred to, and integrated with, the border police of Land Thuringia.

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☐ Comment: The break-down of the border police as shown in paragraph 3 (above) corresponds with the general organization plan reported by an independent source.)

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